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Re: Microorganic Denitration
Our File: 582-925

Dear Art:

With reference to your letter of July 5, 1979, it was my understanding at the close of my meetings in Richmond with Susan, you and Howard Kothé that we were in agreement with respect to the effective date of FTR Belgium patent under §102b. That is, that its effective date is August 14, 1978. (By the way, a copy of the 41 J.P.O.S. 440 article, which you refer to in your letter, was forwarded to Susan on June 20, 1979.)

Perhaps we should discuss your reasons for suggesting meeting an August 14, 1979 deadline for filing a further FTR application. More specifically we are uncertain precisely what material you wish to add to which FTR application. Until we receive such clarification, we will proceed as previously agreed with Susan. That is, Susan will revise the application covering PM 638 pursuant to our discussions. The application will thereupon be reviewed by the various involved parties and will be filed by the target date of August 14, 1978. With respect to new FTR material, Susan and I will continue to coordinate efforts. As a preliminary matter, we will continue to attempt to secure the information necessary to support filing of an application on their continuous process as a patentably distinct invention relative to prior microorganic denitration filings.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

Theresa M. Gillis